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A method and apparatus for scheduling operating sessions to be performed by a group of remotely controlled devices. A remote controller is used to operate the remotely controlled devices at selected times scheduled by the user. The operating sessions may be programmed to be performed on a daily or weekly basis without continued reprogramming by the user.

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